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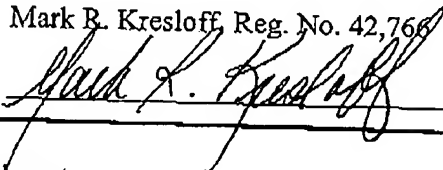
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2004 and the telephonic Examiner Interview between Examiner Clarke and the Applicants' representatives on March 2, 2005, please amend the patent application identified above as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

The Pending Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

Please replace the originally filed Abstract with the Abstract attached herewith.

**Application No.: 10/720,684****Amdt. dated March 3, 2005****Reply to Office Action dated December 3, 2004****Docket No.: 9988.093.00****ABSTRACT**

An apparatus for controlling gas valves in a gas drier is provided. The apparatus includes an igniter, a closed flame detection switch and a sustaining relay. The igniter, which starts a flame, connects to a first terminal which provides a power signal with respect to a neutral terminal. The closed flame detection switch is connected between the igniter and the neutral terminal thereby receiving the power signal via the igniter. The closed flame detection switch also detects a flame by opening. The sustaining relay provides an alternative path of conduction with respect to the closed flame detection switch.